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CHEROKEE COUNTY MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSING DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 42-year-old Cherokee County man has been indicted for possessing a destructive device.

According to information contained in the indictment, **PAUL MICHAEL HORTON**, from Jacksonville, was arrested on an outstanding warrant by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and Cherokee County Sheriff's Office deputies for possessing a destructive device on June 27, 2006. Horton was named in a sealed indictment returned by the Tyler federal grand jury on July 11, 2006. The indictment was unsealed today in court at his initial appearance.

If convicted, Horton faces a maximum penalty of up to ten years in the federal prison and a fine up to \$250,000. It is important to note that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of either guilt or innocence.

This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and Cherokee County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jim Middleton.

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